Delhi-Agra-Bombay route and there is heavy traffic on this route; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to declare this stretch of road as a National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been proposing from time to time the declaration of certain State Road as new National Highways including the Ajmer-Nasirabad-Chittor-Neemuch-Mandsaur-Ratlam-Mhow-Kandhwa-Jalgaon Road which covers the route in question. A similar request has also been made by the Rajasthan Government for the part of this route in their territory.

(b) No Sir.

(c) A decision about the declaration of new National Highways would be taken only after the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the availability of funds and certain other criteria laid down for the purpose.

Law Colleges Teaching and Conducting Examinations in Hindi and Regional Languages

*1515. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PPANDEYA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the particulars of Government Law colleges teaching and conducting examinations in Hindi and regional languages besides English?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): The requisite information is being collected will be laid on the Table of the House.

Raids by Narcotics Control Bureau in Rajasthan

1516. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted by the Narcotics Control Bureau in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons arrested and the details of the narcotic drugs seized during the above period alongwith the value thereof; and

(c) the number of offenders who have absconded after the seizure of narcotic drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of raids conducted by the Narcotics Control Bureau in Rajasthan during the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 are as given below:-

Year	*Number of raids*
1988	3
1989	3
1990	2

(b) The number of persons arrested and the details of the narcotic drugs seized during the said period are as given below:-

Year	*Number of arrests*	*Quantity of drugs Seized (in Kgs.)*	
1988	6	Heroin	2.9

Year	*Number of arrests*	*Quantity of drugs Seized (in Kgs.)*	
1989	5	Heroin	15.9
		Hashish	252.7
1990	6	Heroin	88.375

No precise valuation of prohibited drugs, which are often of indeterminate chemical strength and composition, and which are liable for destruction, is feasible.

(c) Two persons have absconded.

Crisis in Silk Industry

1517. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions of silk industry workers is miserable;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the assistance proposed to be given by the Govt. to the silk Industry workers; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production of Silk products in view of its great demand in foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). In general, the conditions of the workers in the silk industry are not considered to be miserable.

(c) Some of the schemes being implemented for the benefit of silk Industry workers, include supply of mulberry cuttings, assistance to Bivoltime Seed Cocoon Producers, establishment of Chawkie Rearing Carters, subsidy to farmere for purchase of nylon nets for Uzifly control, Incentive for Bivoltime Cocoon and Raw Silk producers,supply of rearing kit to small and marginal farmers, assistance to reelers for establishing units in new and traditional areas, subsidy for establishing multiend reeling units & providing of margin money loan to cocoon and raw silk marketing agencies in States for marketing and stabliation of cocoon and raw silk prices etc.

(d) The Government has been emphasising product development and upgradation of quality silk textiles, especially for export purposes. Export of silk products has been increasing over the past few years. Exports in 1990-91 were Rs.441 crores compared to Rs. 401 crores in 1989-90. A target of Rs. 550 crores has been fixed for 1991-91.

[*English*]

Bench of Karnataka High Court in Hubli-Dharwar

1518. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for setting up a bench of Karnataka High Court in Hubli-Dharwar;

(b) if so, the time by which this bench is likely to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Repre-